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Warmest wishes
from our house
to your house...

Dear Fellow Members of the 34th Bomb Group:

Yes it is that time of the year again. Hannah and I wish all the best to you in 1982.

It doesn't seem as if it should be this late in the year but I guess it is, for Summer is gone and Fall is almost gone with winter just ahead. We have really enjoyed this year, with friends from the 34th dropping in and visiting some of you, when we were traveling around, searching for some of our lost men. We enjoyed our visit to North Carolina last September. On the way there we stopped at Virginia Beach Va. and paid a visit to "Pete" Gray, who took us thru some of the country around Va. Beach. We enjoyed the visit with you, "Pete". While there we called and located several of our men from around Norfolk as you can see from the enclosed list. We went on to Atlantic Beach N.C. and here we rested up for about 10 days. The weather cooperated very good and we both soaked up plenty of sunshine and exercise. On the way home, we stopped in several Cities of N.C. and called several of the men from the 34th.

When we returned from N.C., we had visitors from Pa. Bernard Flanigan and his wife Geraldine. I had been in touch with Bernard for awhile and when he told me he was coming to Indiana to see their daughter, I asked him to stop by for a visit. Bernard was assigned to the 34th B.G. and flew a few missions with the Group but when the extra gunner was taken from the crews, he was transferred to Italy on B25, and flew as a gunner. His B25 was caught in a storm and he and the crew were forced to bail out. He flew with John Beyer's crew when he was with the 34th and has been trying to locate some of them for sometime now. We have found two and possible three of the Crew, Robert Hoban of Mn. and Erwin Medart of Ark. and we do have a lead on his Co-Pilot Edgar Garneau. We enjoyed your visit Bernard and Gerry and are looking forward to your visit this spring.

Time soon rolled around for the reunion and we left a couple of days early for St Paul. I had always wanted to go thru Milwaukee and stop to see Edward Pendowski, one of my first flying crew members. I had not seen Ed in 36 years but had been in touch with him for about 3 years. We decided to go thru Milwaukee on the spur of the moment for I had just received a card from "Penny" saying he had planned to attend the reunion but due to a recent illness would not be able to. These last two years have been tough on him. The last part of '80 he had heart surgery and was getting over this, when he went for a check up, the Doctor put him back in the hospital for another operation, he was getting over this and had to undergo two more operations and was in the hospital 36-38 days. "Penny" and his wife Ann were home and we stopped by for a couple of hours to talk over old times. "Penny" had not changed much except, he had lost quite a bit of weight. He was still the same soft-spoken fellow I had known a long time ago. Not many know this but Ed and part of his crew would go to London and "Penny" would broadcast, in Polish to the

people of Occupied Countries on the Continent, over Radio Free Europe. The crew went along for cover up so the enemy would not know who was doing the broadcasting. Penny is feeling much better now and I am sure he would enjoy a letter or card from you who knew him. "Penny" we enjoyed the visit with you and your wife Ann. I hope it will not be as long before we meet again.

After we left Milwaukee, we went on to St Paul and arrived a day early. It was a dismal day when we checked into the Hotel but we explored the city of St Paul by the Skyway which connects the downtown area.

Now a lot of you are thinking, why doesn't he tell about the reunion? Well here goes. When we went to the Raddison Hotel on Wed we met Gerald and Wanda Pine in the Lobby. They had checked in and was waiting on their rooms to be ready. We checked in and then waited on Malcolm and Tillie Corum, who were flying in from Denver. Soon they arrived and we found we had rooms connecting. We unpacked and got ready for the Board Of Directors meeting on Wed afternoon.

I can only say this to those who did not attend, you missed one of the best reunions yet. There were a lot of the ones, who had attended before and a lot of those who were attending for the first time. I have counted 81 of ourmen who either stayed or spent sometime at the reunion. We were not No. 1 but we were No. 2 this year. We hope to make it No 1 next year, we were only beaten by 10 this year. The report was we had 129 registered. I might add, we had as visitors on Friday afternoon, 4 men, Relatives of Oscar Hanson, who had gone down on one of the Mersburg raid in Nov '44, two sons and two Nephews of Oscar's. The two sons of Oscar's were Jerry Christopherson and Dwight Hanson. Jerry's wife Maureen was with him. The nephews were Jim and John Hanson both from Mn. The sons were from Texas. They have been, for a long time, trying to find out about Oscar, and have been looking for the remainder of his crew. We have found all of them but one, Sidney Brown, who did reside in Conn. Some of you who live up in the East, might look for Sidney C. Brown and send me the address, if you can, tell him his crew and the Hansons are trying to find him.

The Board of Directors met on Wed afternoon to go thru the plans for the program for the reunion and to settle some business matters. After this in the evening, the 8th AFHS held a Cocktail Party on the Lower Level of the Hotel. Here we met several others of the Group who had checked in that afternoon. The first ones we saw upon intering the room were Gen LeBailly and Bob and phyllis Gay. This was the first time most of us had seen Ben LeBailly, for over 35 years and we can say he still looks the same and still as active as ever. My wife says he looked like a football player. He was having a real good time talking and kidding those he had not seen for many years.

Thursday morning was check in day for those who had not checked in on Wed evening and for the ones who had arrived on Thursday. All the Unit Contact from all the Groups held a breakfast and a meeting on Thursday Morning and were brought up to date on business of the 8th AFHS. that pertained to the membership of the Historical Society and help was offered to all Groups to help get organized.

The Hospitality Room was opened at noon and a lot of our people came there to meet their friends whom they hadn't seen in a number of years. Fred Sauermilk and his wife Alene, brought in a couple of large boxes of California Raisins for the group to eat. Boy were they good. I would like to thank Fred and Alene for bringing the California sunshine contained in those raisins. Thursday nite was the USO type dance and cocktail party, held in the Ball room and a lot enjoyed the dance and just sitting around talking to friends. The place, even as large as it was seemed to be crowded. We left the dance and went upstairs to the bar to celebrate, that Bob Wright had been able to sell his store and now soon may retire from business. He had just retired from the AF Reserves. On the way up we met Bill and Vivianne Creer who had just checked in. Their plane was late. It was real late when we all turned in that night.

Friday morning we had an early breakfast as we were to tour the Twin Cities of St Paul and Mn. Afterwards we stopped at Ft Snelling for a Memorial Service to honor our fallen heroes of WW II. The ones of Walter McAllister's Crew who were at the reunion laid the flowers on the graves. As you know Walt and his crew went down and spent the last part of the war as Prisoners of War in Germany. From here we went to the Prom building in St Paul for a 12-81

welcoming to the St Paul Area by a member of the City Government. During the lunch which was served, we were entertained by a group of musicians from Ireland . . who played Irish music and danced some Irish dances. Everyone enjoyed the music and the lunch. Then back to the Hotel to start our 34th B.G. business meeting. Several articles of business were discussed. One was to purchase a heavy duty typewriter for the Unit Contact. A motion was made and passed when Bill Creer asked to amend the motion and add to it to buy a dictionary to go with the typewriter. (I can't help it if this typewriter never took spelling in school). Bruce Sothern made the remark, that it wouldn't be Rays writing if some mistakes weren't made(Thanks Bruce) Corum our V.P. who had charge of the meeting, due to the absence of our President Grady Deatherage made the remark, the typewriter Ray has runs on alcohol and had to be taken to AA every tuesday. (Not so). Now is the chance for those of you who are Office Equipment Salesman or have access to a good discount on a heavy duty, good typewriter to let me know, send me the figures. I have have bought the last two machines myself and will need another in the very near future.

A motion was made and passed to erect a Memorial at the WPAF Museum at Dayton Ohio. This consists of a metal marker and a tree, the estimated cost to be between \$1600 and \$2000. The marker to have the same inscription on it as the memorial in Mendlesham. The cost of the marker will be in accordance, as to how soon we let the contract, the longer we wait, the more the cost. and we would if we can, have it dedicated the same time the memorial of the 8thAFHS. is dedicated, next Oct 9th.

So many of you have stated the 34th did not get the recognition we justly deserved in the History books. Now is the time thru, the Memorial at the AF Museum we can get some recognition. If any of you Crews want to make this a project of your crew, it would be greatly appreciated. Money, for the Memorial, is coming in now. There will be more information in the March Newsletter.

An election of Officers and Board Members was held. Malcolm Corum was installed as President, Bob Wright was V. President. Harold Rutka was to be Secretary. I tried to resign and have someone else to take my place but , it did not go over so good so I guess you will have to put up with me as Unit Contact and Treasurer for another year. I hope you do not get too tired of me. But to help me out, I must hear from you, so keep those letters coming also the money for the Memorial and for the expenses of the Organization. This Organization and its growth depends on you, the members of the 34th Bomb Group. We the Officers can not do it all. I will make a list of the Board Members and the Officers at the end of the newsletter.

At the end of the meeting the Hansons expressed their thanks to all members of the 34th for their help in locating Oscar Hanson's Crew and for the information that has been given to them by all of you.

After the introduction of the new Officers the meeting was adjourned, so we all could get ready for the 34th Bomb Group Banquet, to be held in the same room as our meeting.

Suddenly here it was friday nite, the night most of us had been waiting on for a long time, the night of the 34th B.G. banquet. There were 129 at the banquet. I can not remember just what we had to eat, due to all the excitement of being with our 34th friends again. Father Fred Brooks opened the Banquet with an invocation, Father Fred was the Armament Officer for the 391st Sqd. This began a most enjoyable evening.

Due to the absence of our President, Grady Deatherage, our Vice President Malcolm Corum was the Master of Ceremonies He introduced George Ritchie, who presented Gen. LeBailly with a plaque. You should have heard the appropriate comments of Both George and Walter McAllister (. Boy how those two could talk) Then Gen Creer presented me with a plaque, which was a real surprise to me as Malcolm had said I did not have to do anything or give a speech, just sit there and keep my mouth shut (If you remember me, you will know that is hard for me to do.)

Doug Underwood took over next and after reading a letter from Grady Deatherage he introduced the speaker for the evening. This was Gen Ben LeBailly. As you will remember Gen LeBailly had joined the 34th at Blythe and had been 7th Sqd.

C.O. until going on to Group Hdq. Gen LeBailly told of his service in the Air Force, after the 34th B.G. was disbanded. He served in the Pentagon in Washington D.C. and in both Korea and Viet Nam. He flew combat missions in both wars. He gave some of the reasons why we did not completely win the Wars or Police Action in both Korea and Viet Nam. This would amaze you. We learned thru his talk just what the Air Force is today. He would have talked longer, but he said he had just talked to his wife at home and she told him she was timing him and not to talk too long. We could have listened to him all night.

He said he was glad he had come to the reunion for it gave him an opportunity to meet old friends from the 34th B.G. Especially those, who had gone down and were reported K.I.A. The reports when we left England still listed them as dead. This reunion to him was a happy occasion. The last words of his talk were "I will see you all in Cincinnati next year"

After LeBailly's talk, several crews were introduced. Gene James Crew was first with 7 members present. This was hard to beat. Walter McAllister's crew was next introduced and then Fred Berguland introduced his crew. Three of Jack Blackham's crew were introduced. Bob Wright introduced the ones from his crew who were there. Several of the Crews had 2 and 3 members there. Next all those who had to bail out on June 7 '44 were asked to stand. They were Jack Blackham, Carroll Forister, Ken Humphreys and Don McCarthy. All of these were given a big hand. All crews vowed to have more at the reunion in Cincinnati next year.

After this, the 34th B.G. flag was presented to the Group. This was to honor the men from Walter Felker's crew, who had made it possible to have our Flag reproduced. Two of Wally's crew were present, Paul Buss and Anthony Habiger. Thank you men. Here I, too, want to thank Al DiNenno, who followed this project thru, until the Flag was done and then brought it from Philadelphia to the reunion. Al was the one who brought all the caps to the reunion.

Before and after Gen LeBailly's talk, Robert Wright was selling raffle tickets for a clock, which Gerald Pine had made and donated towards the expense of the Memorial. Malcolm asked for an honest man to do the drawing, so Father Fred Brooks drew the winning name from the hat. Gen Creer read the name of the winner. It was Kal Schonthal and his wife Evelyn who won the clock. I do hope they made it home safely with the clock for they had come by plane from Erie Pa. Thanks a lot Gerald. Your efforts brought in \$134.00 to the Memorial Fund.

Gen LeBailly and I were both presented another plaque from the 34th B.G. At this time I want to express my thanks as well as the thanks from my wife who also was given a neckless from the B.G. After this the 34th B.G. Banquet was closed with a benediction by our Chaplain Father Fred Brooks.

After the banquet, those who did not go to see and hear Gen Galand, German A, F. General, who had opposed us during the war and who had been the speaker at the Symposium on Wed, stayed to see the film, I had brought to show at the reunion. There were 3 rolls of 16mm film taken on and around our Base at Mendlesham. These showed the Base and country side and one city close to Mendlesham. One of the men thought it might have been Stowmarket. These film belonged to George Kline, one of our men from the 4th Sqd. who said he had not looked at them. He had offered to lend them to me to show at the reunion. The other film was an 8mm film and showed one of the last B24s to be brought home from England. Joe Edwards had taken this film when he went to England to be Navigator on the plane to bring it home. Did any of you recognize your plane in the film of the Base? Thank you Joe Edwards and George Kline for the pleasant memories, those films brought back to us. I must add that just before Joe shipped the film to me, he was chased off the Interstate, one night as he was returning home from a Barbecue and held up. In the Scuffle, Joe was shot but I have heard from him since and he is back to work and getting along very well.

Saturday was the trip to the Air Base to see some of the WW II planes. It was not a very nice day to be out but most of the people braved the misty rain to see the B17 and the rest of the planes. Those who did not go came to the Hospitality Room to watch the ball game or to talk to old friends. 12-81

Sat night was the 8th AFHS banquet, the weather cleared and we were transported to the Convention Center by shuttle buses. Each B.G. was assigned tables so there was not too much of a mixup finding the right table to sit at. Hannah and I had been assigned to a table with Bill and Vivienne Creer, Doug Underwood, Gen LeBailly, Father Brooks, Gordon Jerow, who had been one of the Engineering Officers of the 18th Sqd. and and a couple from the 392nd B.G. We had a table close to the stage and could hear and see all that went on. We really enjoyed the visit and talk with the ones who were seated at our table. Hannah had a very interesting talk with out 34th B.G. Chaplain, Father Fred, He told her he was real glad he came to the reunion and next year he would be at the one in Cincinnati and would bring his wife with him.

The ceremony after the dinner was quite impressive It was called the "Honor Ceremony" It consisted of the lighting of 5 candles honoring all Ground and Flying Personel, Wives, Children, British Friends, and the last to honor those who did not come back and those who are no longer with us.

There was also a Flag Ceremony called Flags of our Heritage and showed the forming of all of the United States Flags.

The speaker for the evening was Col Cass S Hough Ret., who spoke of his Career in the Air Force and the days he participated in the still Controversial P-38 Terminal Velocity Test.

After the dinner was brought to a close, a dance was held for those who wanted to dance. The dance floor was real large and one could really swing his partner. My wife and I chose not to dance but to spend time visiting a and talking to several of the 34th people. This way we were able to meet and talk with more of you.

It was late so we caught the shuttle back to the Hotel and thought perhaps we would go to bed but this was not to be for several friends had gathered in Gerald and Wanda Pine's room, which was next door so we spent quite a few hours with them. It was real late when we finally got to bed or maybe I should say it was early in the morning.

Next day was Sunday and the final breakfast, where old friends said Goodby with vows to meet next year in Cincinnati Ohio. at the next reunion, which should be Oct 7th thru the 10th.

We left the Hotel after saying goodbye to those whom we had met and those whom we had known for a long time.

You will note I had not said anything about the Symposium which was held on Thursday afternoon, I did not attend it as we were too busy setting up the reunion and meeting our Friends of the 34th B.G. I guess I should have attended it for I was told it was very good. The Symposium was called the Luftwaffe Vs. The Mighty Eighth, with Roger Freeman, well known British Writer who has written several books about the "Mighty Eighth", as the Moderator. The German General, who headed the German part was Adolph Galland, Generalleutnant of the German A.F. The 8th AFHS hope to have something similiar to this at all the next reunions.

I know, I have just hit some of the highlites of the reunion but I do not have the space to tell all about it. I could write a book on all the happenings and all which was said at the reunion, so next time if you want to know what we do and say and whom we meet at the reunions, you will just have to come to the next one and see for yourself

REUNION ST. PAUL 1982

ANDERSON, PAUL AND BERYL	EVERETT WA.
APPLEGATE RALPH AND MARY	SO BEND IND
ASHBURN, RALPH AND FRANCES	HASTING NEB.
BABCOCK, BUD AND LUCILLE	KANSAS CITY MO.
BAER, BOB	TERRE HAUTE IND
BALDEA, ELI AND ROSE	CROWN POINT IND
BERGLUND FRED AND HAZEL	BLOOMINGTON MN.
BLACKHAM, JACK AND DOTTIE	EL PASO TX.
BOUTY EDMOND AND JUNE	SPAULDING MI.
BROOKS, FRED. REV	ROCK ISLAND ILL
BUCKLEY BEN AND MARY	WISCONSIN RAPIDS WI
BURNELL, WILLIAM AND LORETTA	KIRKLAND WA.
BUSH, RALPH AND MARGE	SPRINGFIELD ILL

G.C.	7
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FLIGHT CREW	7
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BUSS, PAUL AND MARY	OLNEY ILL.	FLIGHT CREW	391
CASLER DUDLEY AND NAN	MESA AZ.	GROUND CREW	391 GP.
CORUM, MALCOLM AND TILLIE	EL PASO TX	FLIGHT CREW	391
CREER WM. AND VIVIENNE	LAS VEGAS NEV. M.G C.O.	34TH B.G	
CROOK, LONNIE AND DORABELLE	SHREVESPORT LA.	FLIGHT CREW	GP.
DINENNO, AL ANS OLIVE	KING OF PRUSSIA PA.	FLIGHT CREW	391
DWYER, HAROLD AND DARLENE	HASTING NEB.	FLIGHT CREW	391
FORISTER, CARROLL AND SYLVIA	KIRKWOOD MO.	FLIGHT CREW	4
GAY, ROBERT S. AND PHYLLIS	DEARBORN MI.	GP ADJUTANT	
GRADIN, ROBERT AND VIRGINIA	SUPERIOR WI.	GROUND CREW	7
GRAY, WM "PETE"	VA. BEACH VA.	GROUND CREW	7 C.C
GRIMES, BRYANT AND MYRTIS	HOUSTON TX.	FLIGHT CREW	7
HABIGER, ANTHONY AND DONNA	TOPEKA KS.	FLIGHT CREW	391
HANSEN, MILTON AND KAY	MADISON, WI.	FLIGHT CREW	7
HEASTY, HAP.	SPARTA WI.	GROUND CREW	391
HOWARTER, WAYNE AND LAVERNE	WILDA KS	FLIGHT CREW	7
HUMPHREYS, KENNETH AND REENE.	FT WOTRTH TX.	FLIGHT CREW	4
ISACCS, SEYMOUR	SUMMIT PARK UTAH	FLIGHT CREW	7
JACOBBAUSKI, MIKE AND MRS.	VAN NUYS CA.	FLIGHT CREW	7
JAMES, GENE AND HELEN	WHITE HOUSE ST N.J.	FLIGHT CREW	7
JEROW, GORDON	AVONDALE ESTATES GA.	GROUND CREW	7 391 18
JOHNSON, RICHARD	ST PAUL MN.	FLIGHT CREW	18
LEBAILLY, BEN	OAK HARBOR WA.	C.O. 34th B.G.	
LOCKWOOD, KEN	CORDEL OKLA.	FLIGHT CREW	18
LUX, CHARLES AND FRANCES	PALMYRA PA.	FLIGHT CREW	391
LYONS, JOHN AND LAVONNE	BLOMINGTON MN	FLIGHT CREW	18
MARTIN, JAMES	SANTA ANA TX	FLIGHT CREW	7
MCALLISTER, WALTER AND RUBY	ORLANDO FLA.	FLIGHT CREW	7
MURPHY, RALPH AND GLORIA	PERRIOPLIS PA.	FLIGHT CREW	7
PARISH, HAROLD	CARBONDALE ILL.	FLIGHT CREW	18
PINE, GERALD AND WANDA	WAUNAKEE WI.	FLIGHT CREW	7
PRILLMAN, HARRY AND	MARTINSVILLE VA.	FLIGHT CREW	7
RAE, HAROLD	RAVENNA OHIO	FLIGHT CREW	18
RHEIN, LYLE AND CATHERINE	ST PAUL MN.	FLIGHT CREW	7
RITCHIE GEORGE AND JUNE	FAYETTEVILLE N.Y.	FLIGHT CREW	7
ROSCHER, PAUL	ALEXANDRIA VA.	FLIGHT CREW	7
ROSE, EVERETT AND PEGGY	TACOMA WA.	GROUND CREW	7
RUJKA, HAROLD AND GENEVIEVE	DULUTH MN.	FLIGHT CREW	7
RYAN, RICHARD	NO MADISON OHIO	FLIGHT CREW	4 18
SAUERMILCK, FRED AND ALENE	FRESNO CA.	GROUND CREW	7 C.C.
SCHADE, JACK	SALT LAKE CITY UTAH	ASSOCIATE	
SCHMIDT, FRANCIS	FORSYTH MT.	GROUND CREW	7
SCOCH, FRED AND CLARA	SPOKANE WAS.	FLIGHT CREW	7
SCHONTHALER, KAL AND EVELYN	ERIE PA.	GROUND CREW	7
SCHOMMER PAUL AND BETTY	ST PAUL MN.	GROUND CREW	7
SMITH, CHARLES AND CARRIE	PONTIAC MI.	GROUND CREW	7
SOTHERN, BRUCE AND MARG	MINNEAPOLIS MN.	GROUND CREW	7 C.C.
SPIPKER, GORDON AND SUE.	FOUNTAIN CITY CA.	FLIGHT CREW	7
SCHRUPP DANA AND JUNE	BOZEMAN MT.	FLIGHT CREW	7
SUBJECT, PAUL AND MRS.	GRAY'S LAKE ILL	FLIGHT CREW.	18
SUMMA RAY AND HANNAH	ANDERSON IND	GROUND CREW	18 C.
TOBIASON, HENRY	REMMER MN.	FLIGHT CREW	4
UNDERWOOD DOUGLAS	MONTGOMERY ALA.	FLIGHT CREW	4
WRIGHT, ROBERT	SO BEND IND	FLIGHT CREW	7
AR.STRONG, WARREN AND MILLIE	ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.	FLIGHT CREW	7
MCCARTHY, DON AND MICKEY	CRYSTAL, MN.	FLIGHT CREW	18
THOMPIPO, HARRY AND NORMA	NORTHWOOD, IOWA.	GROUND CREW	G2
KONTE, AL	WILLOWICK OHIO	FLIGHT CREW	18
MILLER, GEORGE AND PAYE	W ST PAUL MN.	FLIGHT CREW	7
SCHWARIZ, ROBERT	VAN WERTZ OHIO	FLIGHT CREW	7
RANCK, MERT	MINNEAPOLIS MN.	FLIGHT CREW	7
HELLAND RICHARD	BURNSVILLE MN.	FLIGHT CREW	391

PANCAKE, CHARLES
 CARLSON, GLEN
 KINNEY, JACK
 WRIGHT, TOM.
 HAJLO. JOHN
 ANDERSON, CECIL
 HANSON, JIM
 JOHN HANSON
 HANSON DWIGHT
 CHRISTOPHERSON, JERRY AND MAUREEN

WHITE BEAR LAKE MN.
 EAU CLARE MN.
 SANTA BARBARA CA.
 MURPHYBORO ILL.
 ST PAUL MN.
 NEW BRIGHTON MN.
 ROCHESTER MN.
 STEWARTSVILLE MN.
 LONG VIEW TEXAS
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I am sorry if I have left any of your names out. I do know there are some wives names missing. It was because their names were not put on the registration book. If I have any wrong names or have left anyone out let me know and I will put them in the next newsletter.

I want to thank you all for coming to the reunion and we will be looking for you at the next one in Cincinnati Ohio Oct 7th thru 10th 1982.

As you know, Dec, starts another fiscal year for the 34th B.G. Ass'n and that means, the 1982 membership dues are due. Quite a few of you have paid your 1982 dues ahead of time but there are still a lot of you who have not paid their 1981 dues. I am enclosing a return envelope to make it easy to send me your membership fee. You will note, I have put a place on the slip for you to give to our Memorial Fund. Please indicate the amt. you are sending. A slip and envelope is included in each envelope. So if you have paid your dues and want to contribute, fill out the slip and send to me. The money for the Memorial fund is already coming in. I have already taken the preliminary steps towards finding out about the Memorial. I will tell more in the March newsletter. I repeat the success and growth of our 34th B.G. Ass'n and the things it wants to accomplish, is all up to you, the members of the 34th B.G. Ass'n. I might add it would make it easier for me to send out your 1982 Membership cards, if you were to send in a self addressed, stamped envelope

I have received word that two of our members have undergone heart surgery in recent month. Paul Bresh of No Ft Meyers Fla and Earl Saeger of Erie Pa. We do hope you both are feeling better and will be able to attend the next reunion. We wish you speedy recovery. There is nothing better to help a friend over an illness than a letter or a get well card. So why not write one today.

I had a letter from Gordon Spilker who sent me a T shirt with the symbol of the 8th AF reunion and Symposium on it. He has a few more. I do not know the price but if you want one, you can write to him at 10185 #2 Pike, Fountain Valley Ca. 92708 and he will tell you the price. Thanks very much for the 2 T shirts you sent to me Gordon.

One thought I would like to leave you with: All of us may have grey hair false teeth, wrinkles and a touch of Arthritis but we have something else: Memories, wisdom and experience to name only a few. They seem to go together and we wear them like a badge of honor, PROUDLY!!!

Hope your holidays are happy days!

34th Bomb Group Unit Contact

*Ray & Hannah
 Summa*

4 Nov. 1981

Presidents Report to the Association Members

Our reunion at St. Paul was the best ever and we must pass our compliments to the members for their attendance and support, also to those who wanted to attend but couldn't, due to other commitments. It was really great and everyone, I believe, enjoyed themselves immensely.

Ray has printed, in the newsletter the new group of officers and Members of Board. We wish to pass on thanks for a job well done to Grady D., Bill Cheek, Ken Humphries and Jack Blackham.

Everett M. Rose has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors left open when Bob Wright was elected to the post of Vice President. Welcome aboard Everett.

The general membership voted to have Ray secure a new typewriter from BGA funds. Good luck Ray, I hope the new one can spell.

The general membership also authorized investigation into the possibility of having a Group Memorial placed in the perimeter of the parking lot at the Air Force Museum, Dayton. Investigation will center on cost, position of placements and other facets of the project. Ray has agreed to be a committee of one for this project and I have asked Bob Wright to assist Ray when and where he can on this task. I have included a drawing of the memorial markers and their placement which Ray will incorporate within a newsletter in the future.

The BGA must say thanks to the Felker crew for the beautiful 34th Bomb Group Flag which was presented to the Association on Friday evening. Mr. & Mrs. Paul Buss and Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Habiger were present and represented the crew at the presentation. Thanks again to all of the Felker crew. I must at this time say thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Al DiNenno for overseeing the manufacturing and transporting to St. Paul of the flag, a job well done. Ray is custodian of the flag.

To the local contingent of 34thBGA members who assisted so admirably in seeing to our needs and welfare at the convention Hotel, our special thanks - Bruce Sothern, Fred Bergland, Paul Schommer, John Lyons, Ivle Rhein and to all others that I have missed - thanks again.

I must encourage everyone of the members to start making plans for Cinn. '82, which will be better yet - we're going to be #1 in '82. Call all of your friends - write letters to your crews - lets get everyone out for the reunion. Move over 306thEG - here comes the 34th.

Again thanks to everyone - St Paul was great.

Malcolm

I too would like to add my thanks to those of Malcolm's, to those who helped at the reunion and those who were on the committees both the election and the auditing committees.

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I have had two letters since I came home, telling of the death of two of our men from the 34th B.G. Phil Sheridan of 838 Parkridge Dr Media Pa. 19063 and Robert Morrison of 6370 Well fleet Drive Columbus Ohio. 43229.
Phil was from the 4th Sqd. and Bob was from the 391st Sqd. We are sorry to hear of their death. They will be missed.

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Phil Sheridan
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From the collection of:
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